



GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD

Expanding Iowa's Workforce Working Group

Economic Recovery Advisory Board
Working Group Weekly Progress Report

Please submit your report to [Joel Anderson](#) each Friday by 1:00 p.m. for distribution to the Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

Working Group: **Expanding Iowa's Workforce**

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Working Group accomplishments/progress since last submitted report:

Each of our three subgroups (Attraction and Retention, Labor Participation, Workforce Training) met on July 22nd for two hours. Each group had discussions as a whole or within smaller groups to review and develop big and bold ideas. A follow up meeting is scheduled for July 31st for all three groups.

We also agreed on a format to review and analyze our broader areas of ideas within each subgroup and we will be working next week to get them all on to a consistent form that we can then document our ideas, the data surrounding it, proposed metrics and tactical recommendations to support the overall strategy.

Mary, AJ and Beth also met 7/23 to discuss process and next steps. Beth also met with several other directors this week to discuss collaboration and what groups were taking on what issues. This moved several areas out of our area and we agreed to make sure to address childcare as a part of our overall strategy.

Working Group's current areas of focus, research, or activity. Also report any obstacles or issues:

We are focused on more fully developing our bold ideas as well as the data behind each idea within each subcommittee so that we can then begin to prioritize while insuring that we have reviewed the correct data to develop our recommendations. We want to focus on how we can create better connections and awareness within various stakeholders around workforce including education, nonprofits, businesses and economic development.

Working Group goals and actions for the coming week or weeks:

Studying, understanding and researching the various program areas that relate to our bold ideas.
Collaborating with other groups to avoid duplication of effort and ensure not gaps exist.

Progress toward next meeting's milestone: ☐ Ahead of Schedule | ☒ On Schedule | ☐ Behind Schedule



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Comments on progress or additional information to share with the advisory board (optional):

